

ABSTRACT

AL-V-297

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(175)
Wellersburg, Pennsylvania
Public/private

1767 (area surveyed/marked)
1902 (new monument set at
additional site)

Milestone No. ---(175) at the southwest outskirts of the village of Wellersburg is about 2600 feet west of the preceding monument No. ---(174), and marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top, of the same design and source as 65 other new monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square, stands about 2 feet high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new site was established and first monumented). No. ---(175) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line, the provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 37 monuments marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-V-B-297
 AL-VB-286
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON
 MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 175)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off the northwest side of Witt Hill Road (T-842)

CITY, TOWN Wellersburg VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 6 / PA: 12
 STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY MD: Allegany / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
 NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:
 STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
 VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
 COURTHOUSE, LIBER #:
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE AL-VB-286 entered 6/2/81
☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTIONSurvey No. ~~AL-V-297~~

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		X additional site (1 2)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(175) was a new monument when set in 1902 at an additional site on Mason and Dixon's West Line during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is a very plain dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top; is in excellent condition, firmly set, unaltered; measures 10 inches square by nearly 2 feet high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was ^{surveyed and} preliminarily marked) and 1902 on the west side (when this new site was first monumented).

at the southwestern outskirts of the village of Wellersburg, PA.
The area here is/hilly, mostly open farmed land, with the woodlands following the steeper hillsides, and sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 13 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2600 feet west of the preceding monument No. --(174) on the east side of MD 47/PA 160; about 2350 feet west of the North Branch of Jennings Run, which was noted by Mason and Dixon as being "At 165 miles 28 chains..." (A. H. Mason transcription, 1969, p. 125), or a little over 162 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their ^{230.228-mile} West Line, and near where they set up their last encampment and Sector in 1766 before cutting the "Visto in the true Parallel" eastward and marking the Line. The No. ---(175) site was apparently slightly west of that point; is about 300 feet north of the entrance to the ^{off of Witt Hill Road (T-842)} Beal's private drive (about 600 feet east-southeast of their house), in / ^{an east-west} ~~hedgerow~~ tangle of deciduous trees and poison ivy separating two open fields under cultivation, and is well protected by this camouflage.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting firmly into the ground when possible. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact, with only a very few negligible nicks along several edges.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several kinds of new monuments set in 1902 and the Resurvey method of securing them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (area surveyed/marked) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (new monument set) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(175) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. and from here to the terminus This part of the line was surveyed and marked in 1767, and the present new site on the Line established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(175) is also significant for its symbolic relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Cumberland (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 68386, northing 439901

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

8/2/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (175)
CUMBERLAND QUADRANGLE (MD-PA-WV)
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1949 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1"=2000'

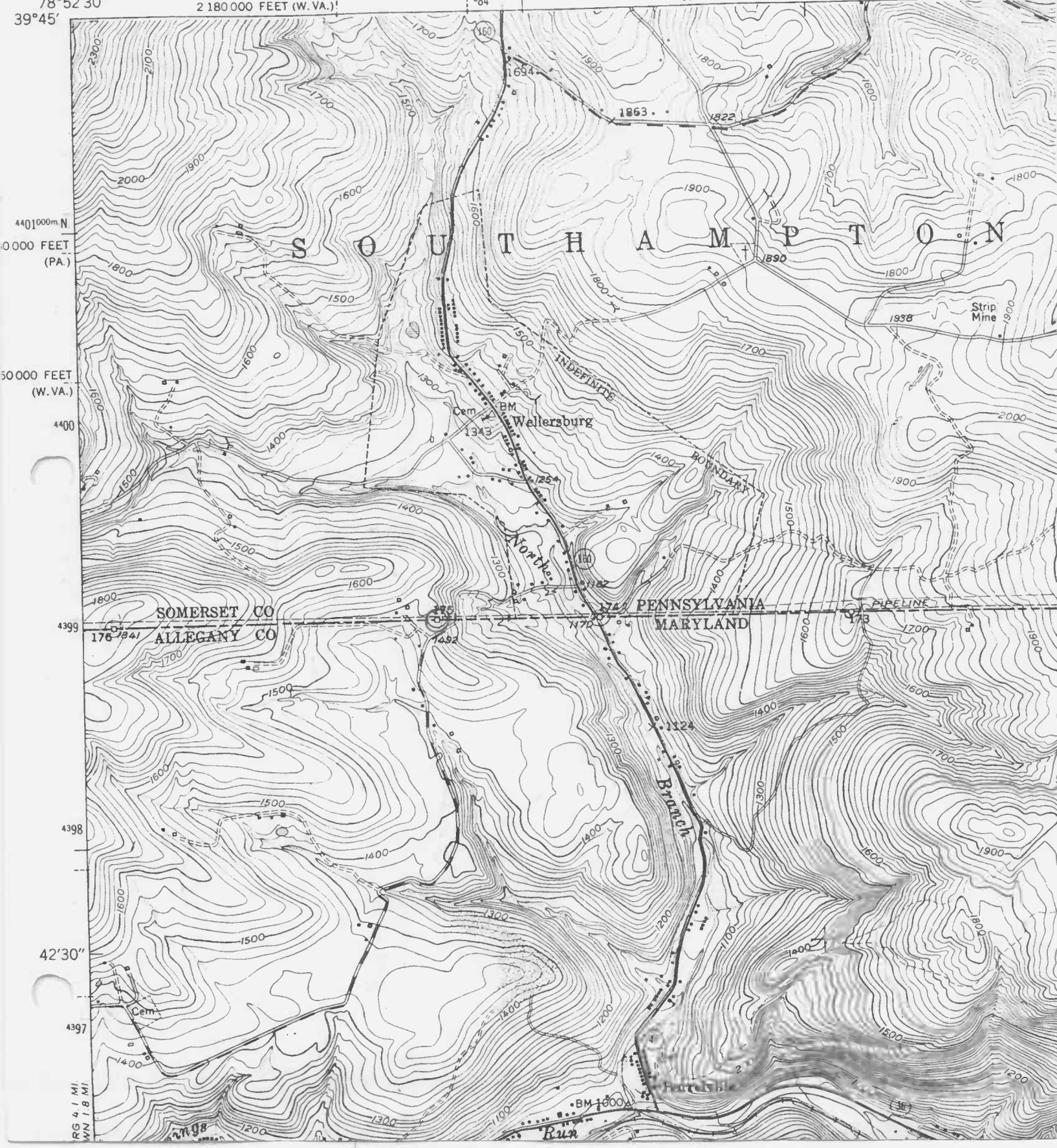
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



78°52'30"
39°45'

2 180 000 FEET (W. VA.)

BERLIN 16 MI. PLEASANT UNION 1.9 MI. 685 000m E 50' 686 1 700 000 FEET





HASON 13' NODDLE LINE HIRESTONE — (175)
SE CORNER (H/175)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 8/2/81 (175.26 31A)



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MASON DIXON WEST LINE, MILESTONE -- (175)
NW CORNER (D' 1902)

PHOTO ALICE MARTIN 8/28/1902 (1902-33A)